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UAS Snowboarding Epidemic

Renting of new snowboards stalled in liability confusion

By Eric Morrison
Whalesong Reporter

Recently the UAS Outdoor Recreation Center purchased six Avalanche snowboards with money out of a match grant from the student government and Mapco Alaska with the intention that the boards would be accessible for students to rent for \$10 dollars a day. However, problems with liability and waiver forms has the administration delaying the rental

process of the snowboards to the student body.

Due to the popular demand of student's interests in snowboarding, the ORC purchased the six snowboards for approximately \$200 dollars apiece, about 30 percent off the wholesale price. It was such a great deal that they decided to provide them to students for an outstanding rental price. The grant that these snowboards were purchased with is designed to be spent on technology and outdoor recreational activities. UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind said,

"We to promote outdoor activities.

Administrative Assistant and ORC Organizer David Kleinpeter said, "It is not our idea to make money off of these snowboards. The idea is to provide equipment to students and get them into the outdoors safely," he said. "We are responsible for the integrity of the equipment, not the natural hazards that are often associated with outdoor activities."

Student Government President Josh Horst said, "I feel like what we do is to serve the students, whatever it may be. The rentals at the ORC are just another way to get students involved in some physical activity."

A big part of the liability problem is the insurance coverage and the difference between a school-sponsored event and a rental program. UAS Director of Risk Management Bob Green said, "The chancellors [on each campus] have to make a decision on if we want to be in the snowboard rental business," he said. "It's well known that snowboarders suffer a lot of injuries. Does the university want to provide snowboards and assume the liability that goes along with it? Avoidance of risk is what we really



Photo by Chase Keenan

The three musketeers of snowboarding: Brian, Brennan, and Gabe.

need to think about."

Kleinpeter is concerned about the school, students and ORC. "The university can't afford a lawsuit," he said. "There is a difference between a rental agreement and sponsoring a school event."

There are basically three questions that need to be answered for the issue to be resolved. One, should the campus take part in renting out snowboards? Two, if so, then should it be school-run or personally run? And three, what type of waiver should be used?

"We have to balance what the risks are," said Green. "We wouldn't be stopping snowboarding, we just wouldn't be supporting snowboarding. There are other places to go."

Every rental program has some sort of liability waiver; they all may be different, but they all have the same intentions. For example, the Sims snowboard demo form states in big, bold letters "SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT DEMO/RENTAL VOLUNTARY RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT." Right below in slightly smaller print it states "BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU ARE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE." Aside from this, every Alaskan ski area lift ticket must state the law from the Alaskan State Constitution Sec. 05.45.060. that reads "WARNING. Under Alaska law, the risk of an injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of skiing rests with the skier. Inherent dangers and risks of skiing include changing weather conditions; bare spots, rocks, stumps and trees; collisions with natural objects, man-made objects, or other skiers; variations in terrain; and the failure of skiers to ski within their own abilities."

"All of our concerns will be expressed in the [liability] form we ask students to sign," said Chancellor Lind. "We're trying to work through the legal issues, and we're working with the university's legal counsel. We're mak-

ing progress to have the snowboards available to students in the near future."

When the legal issues will be worked out is still an open question. "It's probably not going to be resolved prior to the February 18-19 Board of Regents meeting," said Director of Public Affairs for the statewide system, Bob Miller. "We want people to experience Alaska and to experience the outdoors. The question is, how best to do that?"

The ORC is working very hard to help see the legal affairs taken care of, and focusing on ensuring the safety of the students. "If the snowboards do go out, we plan to take them in for an annual exam for safety reasons, because it is our responsibility to ensure that the items we rent our properly maintained," said Kleinpeter. "The snowboards are here and they're ready. We're just waiting to get a go from our risk management office."

Horst said "When the day comes that we rent those snowboards, I know they'll see a lot of use."

There are several main points to be made on this sub-

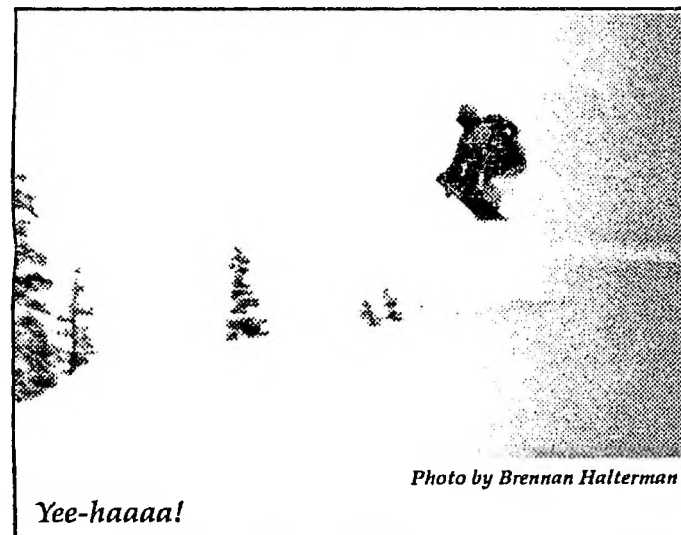


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ject. Yes, snowboarding can be dangerous, but on the other hand, anything can be hazardous. From the simplest pleasures of walking or driving to school, to playing ping pong, chess, video games or even Australian football. Life is very hazardous! It is important to accept, respect and understand that there are risks in every aspect of everyday, in everybody's lives. The key is to be responsible in the activities you choose to participate in and to take full responsibility in the risks and outcomes of whatever those activities may be. It is important to not get yourself in over your head, and if you do, then be responsible enough to accept those risks that you put yourself into. Snowboarding is no more dangerous then any other risk, as long as you can be responsible! Many people will probably agree with Student Government President Horst when he said, "I hope it's a long season."



Photo by Amelia Jenkins

What'd ya say, sonny? I can't hear ya with this thing in my ear.

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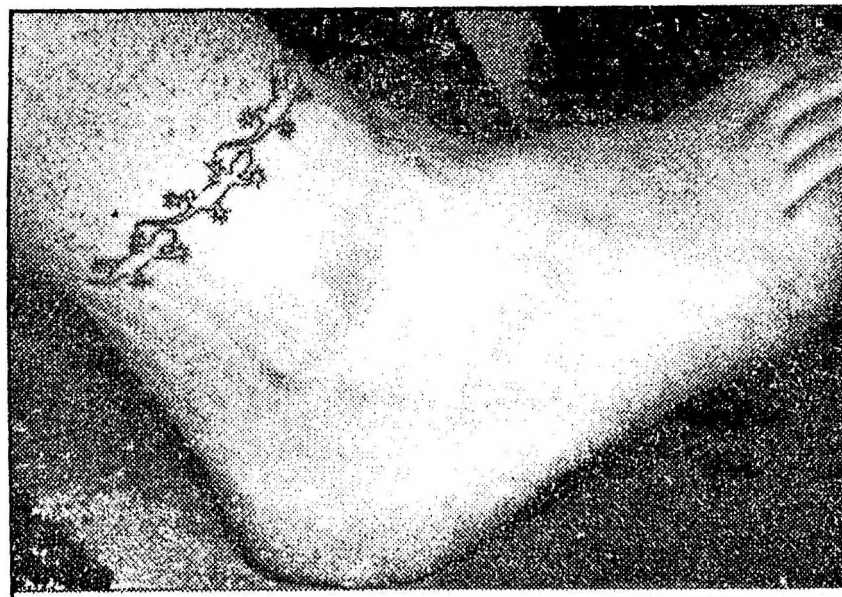


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Pilgrimage to Bosnia

By Cherilyn Johnson
Whalesong Reporter

How far would you travel to discover the next step in your educational plans? UAS senior Jo Paddock went to Bosnia. After attending UAS part time for several years, Paddock had completed her general education requirements and needed to choose a major and an educational emphasis. She sought direction from an unusual source—the shrine of the Queen of Peace in Medugorje.

Since 1989 Paddock, a life-long Catholic whose faith runs deep, had been interested in a religious phenomenon occurring in the Bosnian village of Medugorje (pronounced MED-oo-GOR-jee). In May 1997 she decided the time had come to experience the phenomenon for herself and perhaps to find direction for her future as well.

At 6:40 p.m. on June 25, 1981, the Virgin Mary reputedly appeared to six Bosnian children in Medugorje. Since then, the vision is reported to have re-appeared at the same time every day to the same six individuals. Literally millions of pilgrims visit the site each year; on June 25, the anniversary of the first appearance, as many as 20,000 of the faithful throng “this little teeny town,” as Paddock calls Medugorje.

“One day I was called to go there,” Paddock says. She had been reading a book called *The Pilgrimage* by a man named Father Sevet, and she decided to make a pilgrimage of her own.

“When I went, my objective was to hike up on the mountain, sit for two weeks, and pray for direction where to go from here in my course of study,” Paddock says. She spent two weeks in Medugorje, but she didn’t spend it sitting on the mountain top. Instead, she found herself helping a nun named Sister Miriel to deliver food and other necessities to homeless refugees in the villages surrounding Medugorje.

As in most of Bosnia, the vicinity of Medugorje has been devastated by war. Medugorje itself, however, remains untouched. One bomb has landed on the village; it fell into the church courtyard, and it was a dud.

The faithful attribute this protection to the Blessed Mother who, according to Paddock, has promised protection to Medugorje. Village inhabitants told Paddock, “When bombers would come, a beautiful white cloud cover would appear, very heavy, so the bombers couldn’t see where to drop their bombs.” Once the villagers were evacuated from Medugorje for seven months. When they returned, “Every single teacup was exactly where they had left it—nothing had been touched,” Paddock says.

Helping Sister Miriel with her humanitarian efforts convinced Paddock that “I was not there for a one-time visit. I’m going back to help.” But Paddock has already helped; on this visit she took with her a donation of several thousand dollars, collected primarily through the clients who patronize the beauty salon she operates. She hopes to return in the summer of 1999 and take another cash donation to help the refugees in Bosnia.

As for this visit, Paddock says she left Medugorje without a sense of direction, but “By the time I reached Seattle, I very much had direction.” During a time of prayer and counseling with a friend, Paddock says she received two visual impressions—one of herself leading a small group of women in a prayer study, and another of herself standing in a field behind a microphone addressing a crowd of thousands. On returning to Juneau, Paddock declared a major of communications with an emphasis in public speaking, and on April 10, she will lead a women’s study on prayer at the shrine in Juneau. As for the second impression, perhaps it will be realized in Medugorje itself. Paddock wasn’t in the village for the June 25 anniversary of the apparition’s first appearance, but, she says, “I will be this year.”

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing today to enlist your help in making sure that all eligible students and families know that the new Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits are now available. By directly reducing the amount of federal income tax owed, the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits help students and families meet the cost of postsecondary education, including bachelor’s degree programs, graduate or professional study, and vocational or job-related training.

A taxpayer can claim a Hope tax credit of up to \$1,500 for two years for each student in a family (including taxpayer, spouse, and dependent children) who is enrolled in higher education at least half-time at an eligible educational institution and who has not yet completed the first two years of study. The Hope tax credit covers qualified expenses paid on or after January 1, 1998. The Lifetime Learning tax credit is available for vocational, college, graduate and professional students, and adults who want to upgrade their job skills, acquire new ones or pursue another course of study, and even for a student taking one course as long as it is job-related. For the 1998 tax year, tax filers can claim a Lifetime Learning credit up to 20 percent of the first \$5,000 paid in qualified tuition and fees on or after July 1, 1998. Both credits are phased out for joint filers who have between \$80,000 and \$100,000 of adjusted gross income, and for single filers who have between \$40,000 and \$50,000 of adjusted gross income. Taxpayers cannot claim both credits for the same student in one tax year.

Qualified expenses covered by the tax credits include tuition and required fees, less any grants and scholarships that are received tax free. Room, board, books, and supplies are not covered. To take advantage of the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS form 8863 with their federal tax return. For more information, call the IRS Help Line at 1-800-829-1040, read IRS publication 970, or consult a tax adviser.

It would be unfortunate if students and families failed to use these tax credits because they were not familiar with them. I hope you will help to spread the word about these important tools that make college and continuing education more affordable.

Yours sincerely,

Richard W. Riley

United States Secretary of Education

To the Editor:

There is a 1974 federal law that is adversely affecting the quality of health care in this country. According to the law HMOs have very little liability when they withhold health care. Even if you or a loved one dies because the HMO withheld critical care, unless you’re a government employee, you can’t really do anything about it. You can only sue for the cost of the care. You can’t get punitive damages or consequential damages. You can’t even get your attorney’s fees back even if you win. With the high cost of attorney’s fees, this leaves you with virtually no recourse.

I believe that HMOs need to be held responsible for their greed. HMOs could no longer deny health care with impunity. This would obviously increase the quality of health care in this nation.

Please join the “Health Care Rebellion” by calling or writing your US Senators and your US Congressperson and the First Lady and let them know that you demand a higher level of care from your HMO.

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Opinion Page

Something, like, needs to be said

By Joe Parnell
Whalesong Opinionate

I’m dismayed, distraught, disgusted and queasy from hearing like, uh, and you know. So I’ve used them many times in the next like few paragraphs hoping you will like be sick of it too, you know. They like disqualify your statement. It sounds as if, like, you have no intellectual credentials so you’ve come up with, like uh you know, a blip on your statement screen.

What like happened? At what point did grammar go out like a bag of like popcorn to you know, ravens outside Bullwinkle’s. At what point did people who at least feign good grammar become

the minority? When the professors like, unionized? When like the bong became an end table piece? Was it like valley girl worship gone awry? Why do students at UAS, you know, dress like they are from Talkeetna and talk like they are from Beverly Hills? Why like, aren’t the professors stopping these people, and saying, “we are a university and we don’t use like, uh, and/or you know, you know.” Some of my instructors have the like, you knows. OWWCH. Where’s the you know, Dean? Out with like the Chancellor at another dinner party or on the phone to like, his investment agent? Sound like

harsh, so is losing a beautiful, common language. And like, I really don’t care about, the you know, administration’s minutiae, I just think like they should share stock tips in a column in the you know, Whalesong.

Am I like, you know, just an old bitty. Well, like maybe. But like possibly also, the meaning and like exquisite uniqueness of like human verbal interaction, are like being washed away, like one would like remove a once majestic roadkill, by lazy attempts at style. And I’m like big on style, especially in those that like, have it. Unable to garner the

content to you know, say a thoughtful, complete sentence, we create, like, hazardous communications that like are like little more than additions to the monstrous pile of cerebral windbagging that blows

through our like, self absorbed, self-approved, self-delirious society.

Like to stop but like in a bad habit? Here’s like how. Think like, about it. Tell like, yourself, I will not use like, uh, you know, (upperclassmen add actually, I mean, you know what I mean). Say your sentences slowly, sans like, uh, and you know. You will get better. Respect for your mind will be your reward.

Is all the time, stress, money, work, and esoteric crap really worth it?

By Joe Parnell

Perhaps I’m still feeling stung by my run-in with Clive Thomas at the bookstore last month. After I said, “hi, I used to be in your class...” He said, “you were a terrible student.” I said, “oh, government workers are always trying to squash dissent.” He said, “I remember you, you were one of the shittiest students I ever had.”

Or perhaps it was my conversation with Ric Bellaugh when I went to see him about testing out of Spanish 102 because I have 18 hours in a mad one semester quest to graduate. He said with disdain in his body language, “I don’t understand why some people just want to have a degree. For what? To get a job? A better paycheck?” So no I don’t want a job but I figure it’s inevitable. I’d like to have degree so I can make statements like Bellaugh’s and perhaps start a fulfilling career. Plus my parents will be soooo happy.

Or maybe it was my editor asking me to research the Union of Experimental Colleges for a possible story because three UAS professors, Art Petersen, Sue Koester, and Linda Rosenthal got their PhDs. from there. “Art Petersen?” I said, “he’s the best, most senior advocate for students we have in the faculty and he advises the basket cases no one else wants (including myself) and Linda Rosenthal is the only active expert in her field at UAS that I’ve heard of. Why do you want to investigate their degrees?” Sue Koester I don’t know much about except that she is one of the best dressed on campus. My editor said “a student

asked about it.” Makes me wonder why student X wants to “go there.” Does he/she want to go there, as in get their PhD. from the Union also. I doubt it, they didn’t ask for the address. Perhaps student X has doubts and anxiety about their own degree program and is psychologically displacing these emotions by scrutinizing the catalogue.

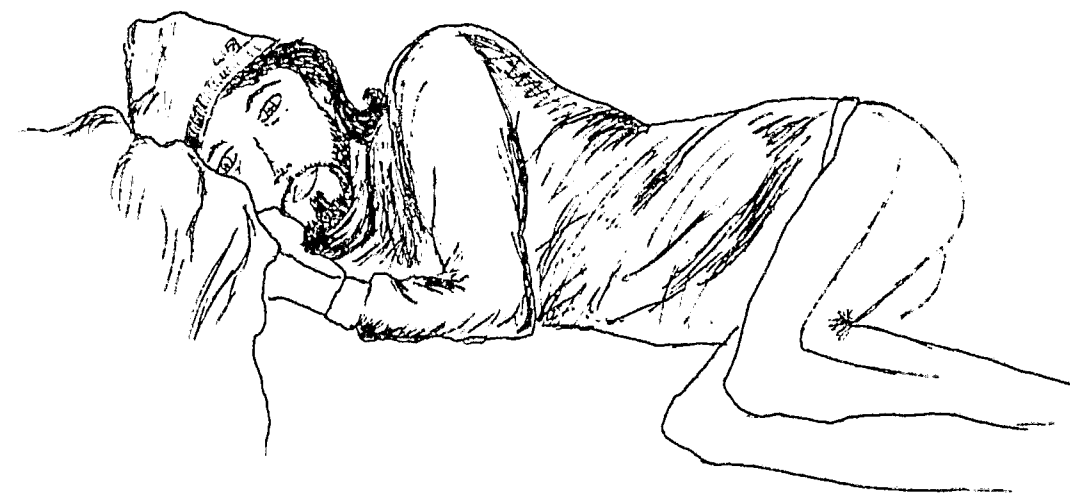
Anyway, all these things have triggered in me lots of thought about getting a degree. For a long time I believed, “it’s just a piece of paper.” If a person wanted to do or learn something, they would just go and do or learn it. A true doer/learner doesn’t need some professor to hold their hand and tell them what books to read. But now I’m 36 and I haven’t quite done all the things I want to and right now I want to get a degree. It isn’t easy. Kid yourself not. And I used to be smart till I had Clive Thomas for a teacher. You’ll have tough classes, late nights studying, sore eyes-neck-back, im overishment, and lots of moments of questioning and doubt. Yet no one I’ve talked to that has a degree regrets it. The process will make you an educated person, especially when compared to the masses. And it can put you on the path to enlightenment and culture, in theory. Job/pay wise, the hard data shows college graduates far surpass their undegreed counterparts. Doesn’t mean you couldn’t quit school, and if you are signed up and not trying then you should. Doesn’t mean you couldn’t punt school and start a business tomorrow and invent something, for example, portable climb-

ing walls, and get rich. But it’s unlikely. In layman’s terms, these are called pipedreams. Pipedreams are glorious when you are in high school but pathetic when the bills start coming due.

I bring this up because I see dejection in some of my schoolmates faces. I was once in the same seat; absent, late, behind in my reading and assignments, always with the same eternal excuse, “it doesn’t matter.” But it does and now I’m playing catch-up and paying a price for my inattention. All those assignments add up to an education, by most reports, a precursor to success. And if you don’t want to give an honest effort to your classes, at least go to every one and get there on time, I suggest you quit, you are wasting your time and money if you don’t try. That’s from one who blew off a lot of classes, and wasted a lot of time and money. But this time I’m trying it differently. I’ve seen the street and there’s not much compassion, there’s turmoil, there’s pitfalls everywhere, there’s a ton of regulatory agencies (college graduates) and you’d better know how to fill out their forms.

Youth(< 24) in and of itself is like a drug, you’re stupid(think not, quit school and see what kind of job you get) and full of energy, here’s hoping you can bear down and get a degree.

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Nutra-Sweet precipitates Internet retort

By Cheryl Johnson
Whalesong Reporter

If you drink Diet Coke®, or if you ingest any other artificially sweetened products, then you should at least be aware of the controversy surrounding aspartame, an additive used in sugar substitutes such as Equal® and NutraSweet®. Accusations and rebuttals swarm so thickly across the Internet battlefield that it's difficult to find objective information. Concerned consumers can only investigate the information available and then decide for themselves.

One of the most recent shots fired in this ongoing battle comes from a woman calling herself Nancy Markle. In a three-page report, she accuses aspartame of causing practically every grief known to humankind. According to Markle, what she refers to as "aspartame disease" can mimic multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia, and/or systemic lupus. It can result in methanol toxicity and/or metabolic acidosis. It can cause symptoms such as "spasms, shooting pains, numbness in your legs, cramps, vertigo, dizziness, headaches, tinnitus [ringing in the ears], joint pain, depression, anxiety attacks, slurred speech, blurred vision, or memory loss," as well as blindness, grand mal seizures, brain tumors, rage, violence, coma, and death. It can complicate existing symptoms of Parkinson's disease and diabetes, and it can be blamed for Desert Storm syndrome, birth defects, and those extra inches on your hips and thighs. That's right; according to one of Markle's sources, NutraSweet® will make you fat.

Serious accusations, if true. But urban legend buster David Emery, at his urbanlegends.miningco.com web site, aims a burst

of cool reason at Markle's overheated and under-proofed rhetoric. According to Emery, the Markle report was not written by Markle at all, but by a woman named Betty Martini, founder of "Mission Possible International." At the MPI web site, www.aspartamekills.com, the objective of "Mission Possible International" is stated as being "the eradication of aspartame as an additive in food preparation." Martini shows up at the MPI web site as a participant in a radio interview with Dr. Russell Blaylock, author of *Exitotoxins: the Taste That Kills*.

From the transcript of the interview, it appears that Blaylock, reputed to be a neurosurgeon, shares some of Markle/Martini's concerns regarding the excessive intake of aspartame. And Katy Goodwin, school nurse for the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus, thinks there may be some truth in the Markle report. "I'm concerned because of the amount of diet soft drinks I see students consuming," Goodwin says. "I've seen an increase in cases of MS and lupus over the past 10 years, and I think aspartame could be a serious health threat."

For those interested in pursuing the controversy further, the urbanlegends.miningco.com aspartame page offers links to several related web sites. It's difficult, however, to find unbiased information on aspartame based on independent studies. The www.nutrasweet.com web site, which states, "Aspartame is not associated with any adverse effects," is sponsored by Monsanto, the company behind NutraSweet®. (The www.aspartamekills.com web site compares Monsanto CEO Robert Shapiro to Hitler as a man

responsible for the deaths of millions.) The MIT aspartame study reported on the web.mit.edu page, which found that "Aspartame is safe for the general population," was funded by NutraSweet®. And while the Food and Drug Administration has an aspartame page that states, "Independent scientific advisors to the Agency concluded that aspartame did not cause brain damage," the Markle report hints the FDA may be in collusion with Monsanto.

It's more difficult to discover bias in the information published by the Mayo Clinic at www.mayoclinic.org stating that "the amount of methanol that results from drinking a 12-ounce can of soda sweetened with aspartame is less than half that obtained from drinking an 8-ounce glass of fruit juice," or in the statement issued by Dr. David Squillacote, senior medical advisor to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Dr. Squillacote says, "There is no connection between the MSF and Ms. Markle. The MSF has no knowledge of Ms. Markle's professional credentials."

Squillacote goes on to note, however, that "One small study ... did find some worsening of depression when depressed patients took large doses of aspartame," and that beverages containing aspartame "left at high storage temperatures ... can degrade and form small amounts of methanol."

Information regarding aspartame abounds. The best and most objective Internet information can be found at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed. Wise consumers will investigate for themselves, consult their own health care professionals, and lay off the stuff for a while if distressing symptoms occur.

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Bookin' it at UAS

by Cheryl Johnson
Whalesong Reporter

With the beginning of the new semester, UAS students found themselves spending wads of cash and yards of plastic on books for spring classes. Why does it cost so much to buy textbooks from the UAS bookstore? And what other options do students have for purchasing new textbooks and getting the most out of old ones?

According to Linda Snyder, UAS bookstore manager, textbooks are marked up 25 percent from the vendor price. This markup is in line with the national average textbook markup and reflects shipping and labor costs. UAS bookstore prices compare very favorably with those of Internet discount giant Amazon.com (see sidebar). Booksellers, of course, have no control over what book publishers charge for textbooks. Textbooks cost more than paperbacks, naturally enough, because only a few textbooks are published each year, while popular paperbacks are published by the gazillions.

Students can save a little money by purchasing used textbooks, either from individual students who advertise around campus or through the bookstore's "book buy-back" program. Buyers should beware, however, and make sure the edition they purchase is the edition that will be used in their course. If a student wants to buy an older edition, he or she should check with the instructor to make sure the older edition will work. Sometimes books have been revised only slightly, but sometimes entire chapters have been added. Having the wrong book can sabotage your success in class.

Buying used textbooks would be a more feasible option if text editions did not change so quickly. UAS Education Professor Marjorie Fields, who has written two textbooks of her own, explains some of the factors that make revision necessary.

Fields, whose publisher asks her to update her books every four years, cites changes in technology, in the "ebb and flow of [educational] jargon," and in society itself. For example, in recent years the makeup of classrooms has changed to reflect "multiple cultures, languages, ethnic groups ... and the inclusion of children with special needs," Fields says.

Snyder agrees. "Technology changes; software is updated; tax laws change every year, so new accounting books must be published. Math books have incorporated graphing calculators into the chapters. All these changes affect when new editions come out." While these statements are true, they do not explain why *The Writer's Presence*, a required text for English 311, costs \$33.35 this semester but only cost \$30.70 last semester.

Once the semester is over, what can a student do with those textbooks not destined to become a permanent part of a private library? One option is to advertise books for sale on bulletin boards and pillars around campus. Another is to take advantage of the "book buy-back" program, a service the bookstore voluntarily provides for students. Snyder says, "We buy used books based on class size, edition status, and prior history of the class. We buy a limited quantity of the selected books, so I encourage students to sell early." It's important to take careful note of posted hours for the "book buy-back" program, because when the opportunity to sell is gone, it's gone.

Books that are not suitable for re-sale can be donated to the "Bridge to Asia" program through the bookstore. English-language textbooks, journals, and reference materials are sent to universities and high schools in countries such as China, Vietnam, and Cambodia. "This is an important program," says Snyder, "and I've supported it since taking over management in 1992." Students don't receive money for books donated to "Bridge to Asia," but they can send books they no longer need to people who will use and appreciate them.

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"All the poems have wolves in them. All but one, the most beautiful of all."

--Jim Morrison

She danced among the synopsis of an hour.
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---Young Male Poet



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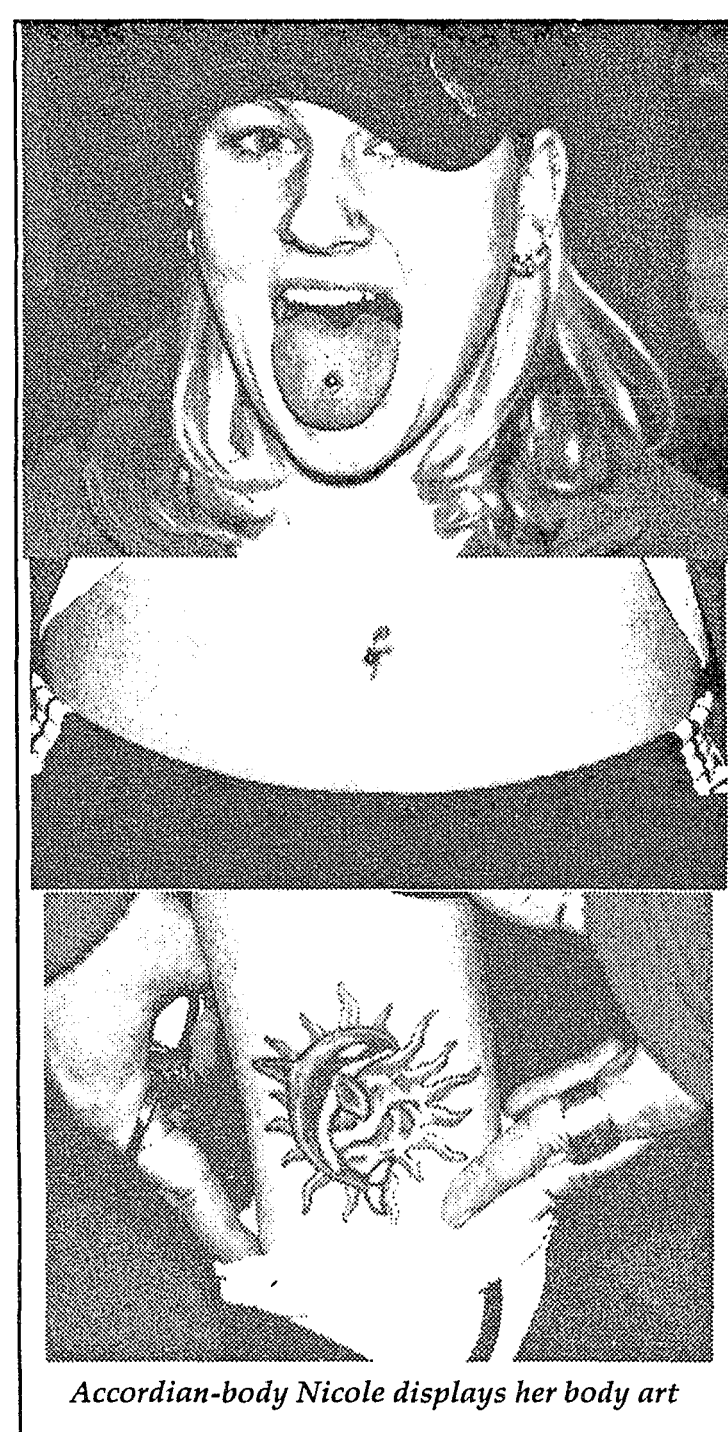
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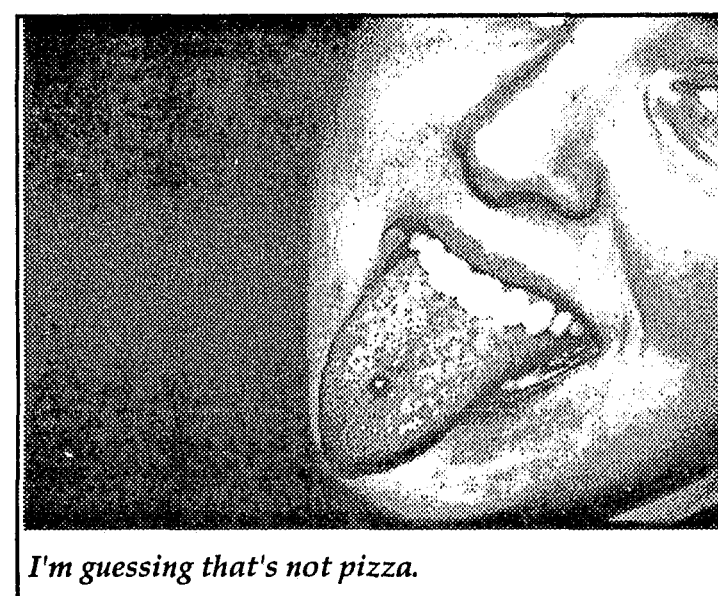
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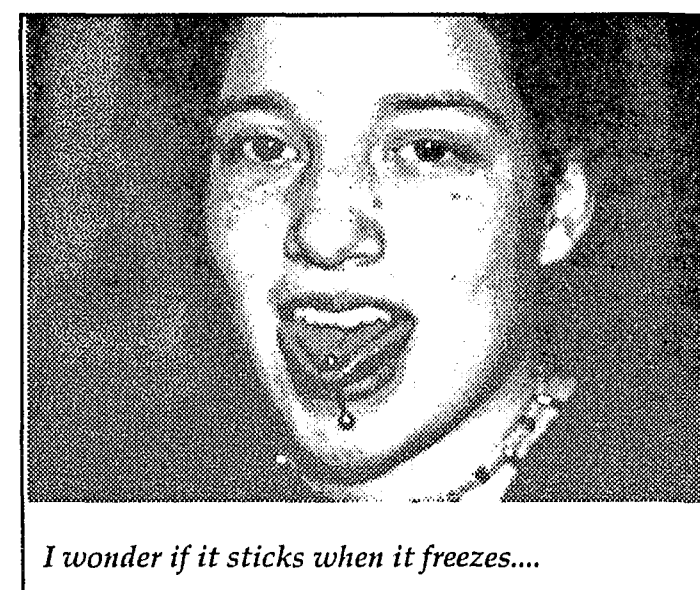
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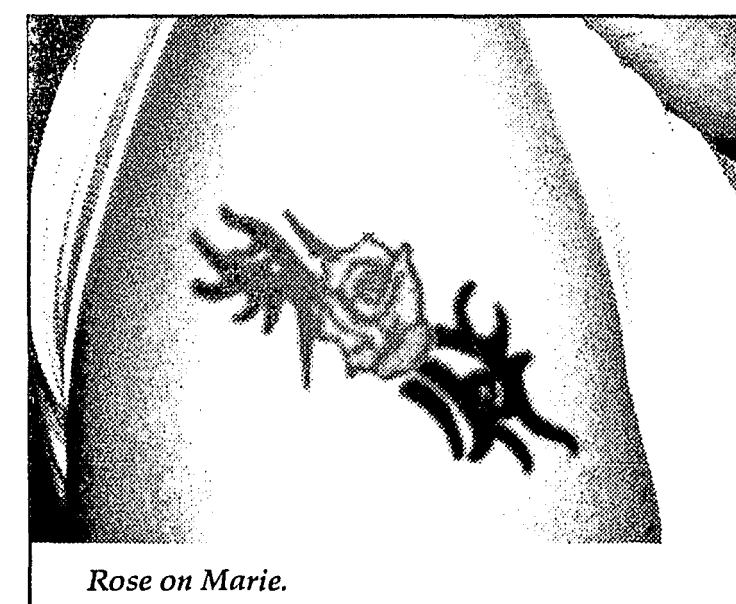
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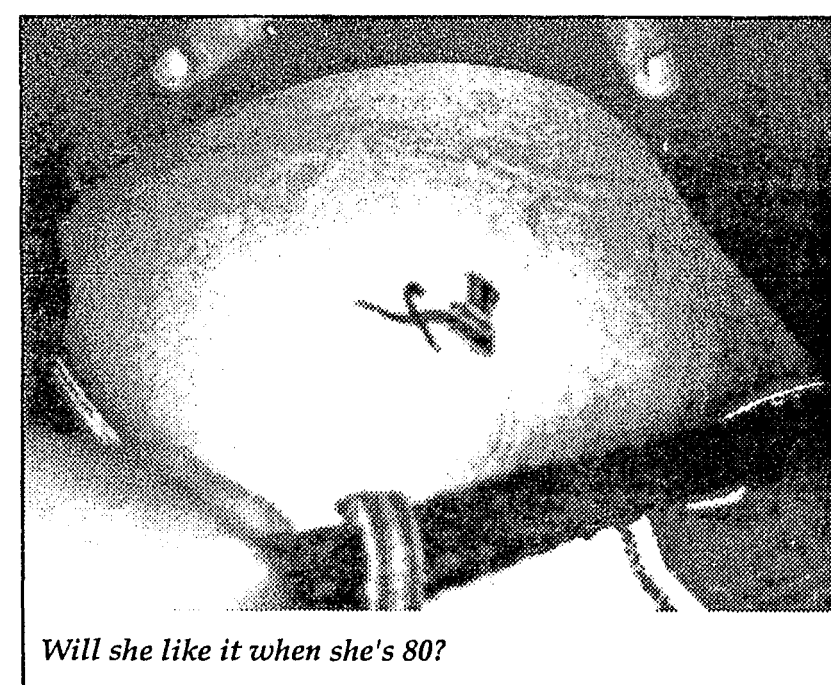
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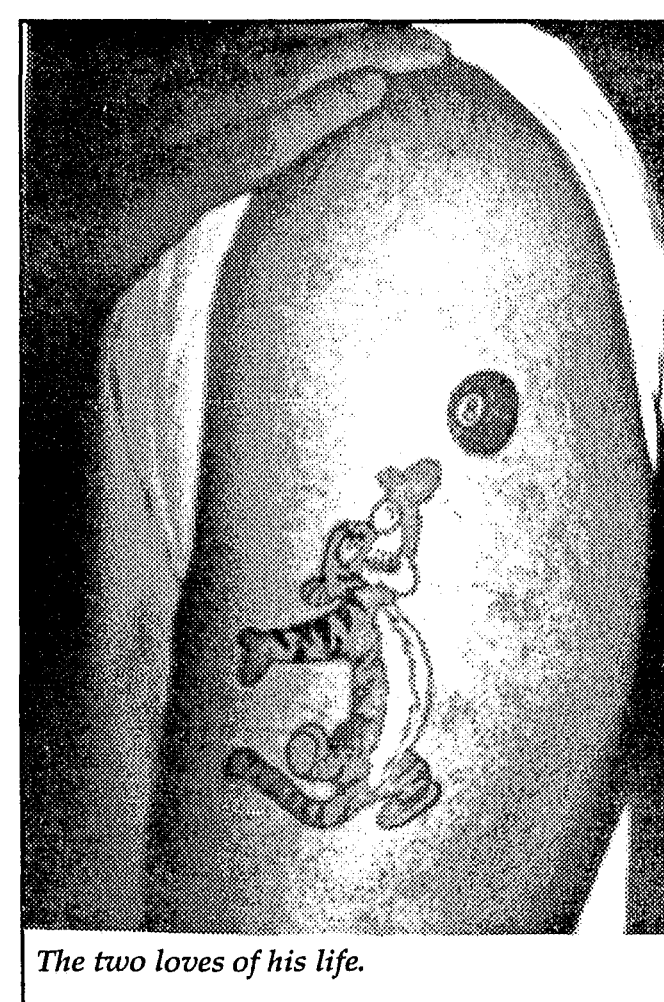
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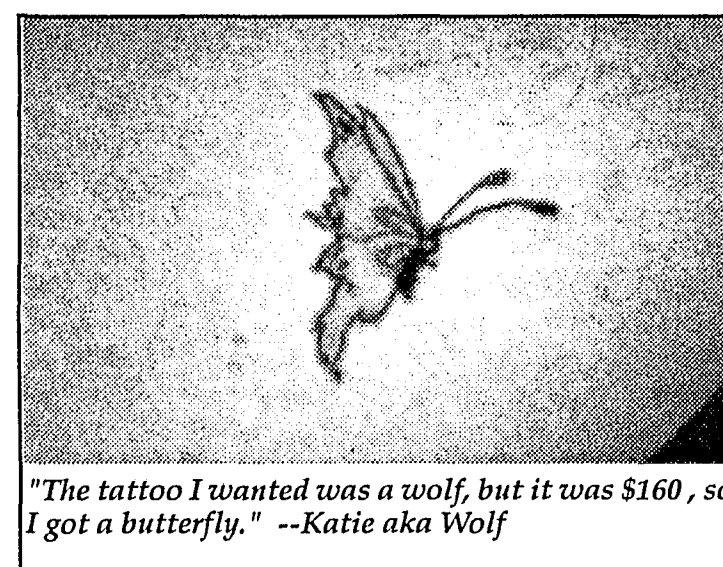
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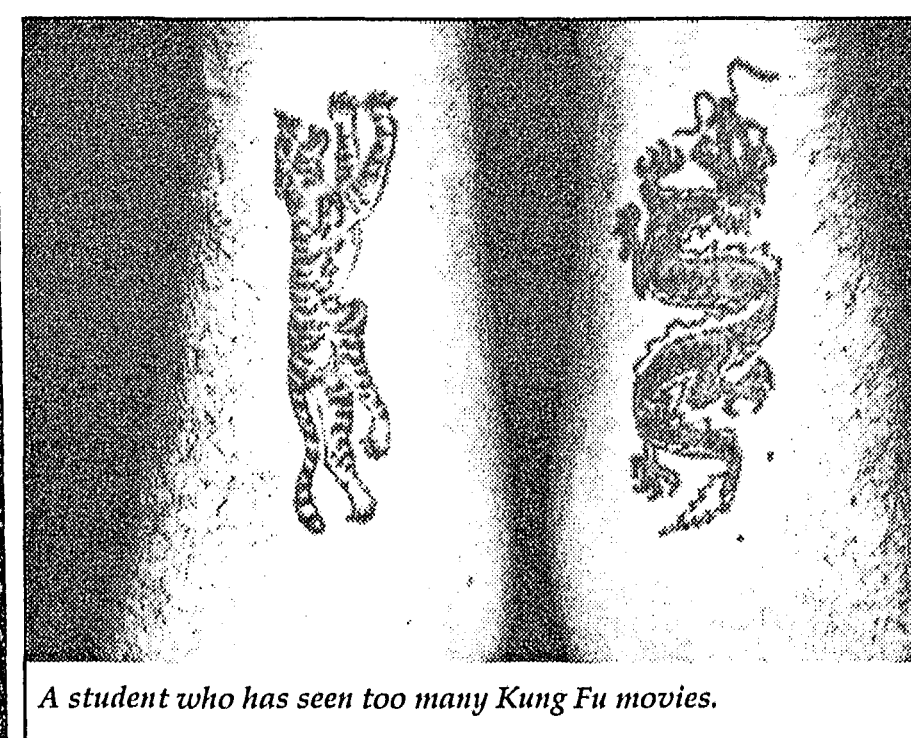
The two loves of his life.



Rose on Rose



"The tattoo I wanted was a wolf, but it was \$160, so I got a butterfly." --Katie aka Wolf



A student who has seen too many Kung Fu movies.

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A decorated campus

By Eric Morrison
 Whalesong Reporter

There are many trends that carry on from generation to generation, and many more that blossom with the changing times. Tattooing is a fad that appears to be carrying on in the 90's with a force to reckon with, while body piercing is taking off into a realm of its own.

Tattoos and piercing cannot be generalized to a certain social class or age group, all sorts of types of people are now doing it. There are many risks and responsibilities to go along with body art these days, mainly disease prevention. Many UAS students have tattoos and/or body piercings on many different parts of their bodies, above the neck and below. There are many drawbacks to getting body art, such as infection, disease or even regret. There are also many positive aspects of getting body art.

Katy Goodwin, the advanced nurse practitioner at the UAS health center, has seen all sorts of different and exotic types of body art, good and bad. "I don't care what people do to their bodies. It's your body and you can do it what you want," she said. "I've seen real beautiful

body art. I've also seen poor technique where people have been very disappointed."

"You need to have someone who has experience, carries insurance, has a good setup and explains what is going on," said Goodwin. "They should give you written instructions as to what's going on, and how to deal with the aftercare."

UAS student Katie Adams, who has several piercings and a tattoo, has basically the same advice. "Make sure you get it done at the right place. Research, and never drink alcohol or smoke weed before you get body art. Alcohol thins your blood and makes you bleed more, which can scab up your tattoo and make it look bad. And weed makes your skin more sensitive and it hurts a lot more."

There can be indications of infection, and if not taken care of properly, the body art can result in severe complications. Most infections from body art have to do with the neglect of good hygiene and poor after care.

"There are signs that I would look to have body art checked out for infections, such as pain, swelling or fever. Make an appointment to come and see me at the student resource center if you have any concerns," said Goodwin.

Vic Bloomquist the 2nd of Exotic Tats and Glass (formerly Vic's Art for Life) said "To each is own. This is the United States of America, right? There are thousands of possibilities," he said. "The only drawbacks are the younger people who get something they don't like later. I've even got a few myself."

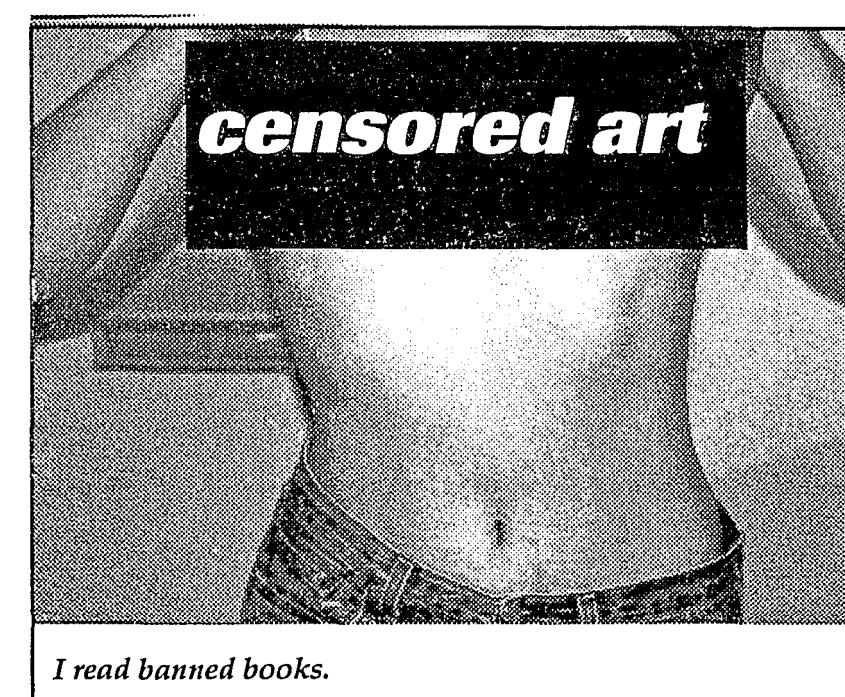
Body piercing is really the new fad that is overtaking the rebellious nature of the youth. "Body piercings are really taking off, especially in the last two years," said Bloomquist. "A person who wouldn't get a tattoo will shoot for a piercing."

Katie Adams, a veteran of body art isn't planning on stopping now. "I was thinking of having my tongue pierced again and having a hoop and a bar," said Adams. "It doesn't hurt as much as most people say."

Tattoos and piercings are becoming more and more popular among all social classes. "Both of my attorneys are paid for with my tattoos, so is my dentist," said Bloomquist. "Years ago only sailors, bikers and lower class were doing it."

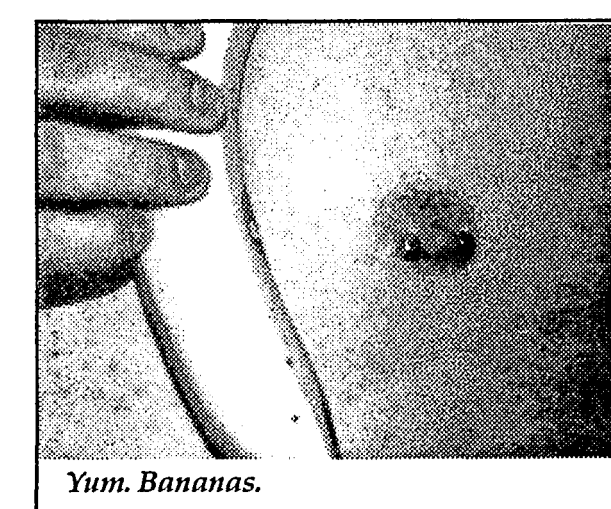
Even UAS nurse Goodwin has been personally involved with tattooing. "I paid for my oldest son's first tattoo for his 18th birthday. Now he has about five, and he's very careful about getting them," said Goodwin.

Before you go out and get any form of body art, do the research and think about the risks and the procedure involved. Weigh the pros and cons, and make the decision for yourself.

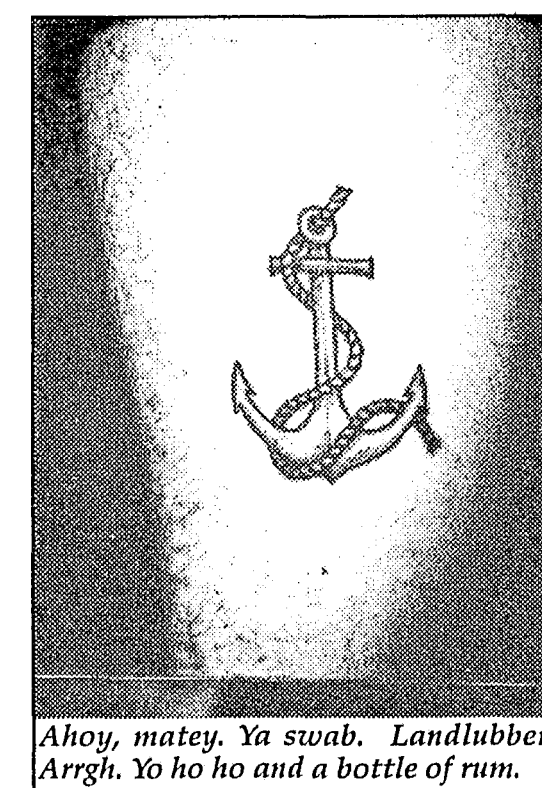


censored art

I read banned books.



Yum. Bananas.



Ahoy, matey. Ya swab. Landlubber. Arrgh. Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum.

Photos by
 Amelia Jenkins

Body Art Self-Test

Do you like the way body art looks, and do you have any doubts about getting it done?

YES NO

Do you want body art for personal reasons and not because others may pressure you?

YES NO

Will you make a sober decision about body art, not under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

YES NO

Does body art have a personal meaning for you, or is it just a way to go against your family or society?

YES NO

Do you understand the procedure for getting the body art you want done, and are you prepared for it?

YES NO

If you answered any of these questions NO, then it is probably a sign that you need more time to think about your decision to get any form of body art.

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Katy Goodwin, Student Health Center's Nurse Practitioner

UAS Ketchikan campus director

by Scott Foster
UAS Information Officer

An experienced educator from Montana has been appointed director of the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan campus. Russell Poppen currently serves as director of the Lincoln County Campus of Flathead Valley Community College in Libby, Montana.

"I'm very excited. I'm walking on air," Poppen said of his appointment by UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind. After a national search, Poppen was one of three finalists invited to meet with university and community members in both Ketchikan and Juneau. He will begin his new position in mid May.

The Ketchikan Campus Community Council recommended Poppen for the appointment. Phyllis Yetka, who chairs the Council, said, "I'm pleased Russ has accepted the position. I think he'll be a good fit for the community. I feel very comfortable he'll follow the directions the campus is going." She also praised Poppen's cooperative work with the Libby High School and said, "We want to see that happen in Ketchikan with our high school."

Poppen called Ketchikan, "A real jewel. A real benefit to the people of Southeast. We live in an age of life-long learning. Having an institution like UAS Ketchikan is a real guarantee of economic development, social development, and community development."

Lind said, "Russ Poppen brings a strong background to his important new post. He has extensive education and administrative experience including serving as a campus director plus managing grants, career counseling, student employment and educational assistance programs. Russ has also worked well with his local high school and has experience in a community facing economic change. I look forward to Russ' leadership and contributions to the Ketchikan campus and the University of Alaska Southeast."

Poppen will replace Dr. Mary Lou Madden of Juneau who has served as interim campus director for the past year. She was appointed following the resignation of Fran Feinerman who accepted the presidency of Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming in June, 1998.

Since 1997, Poppen has served as director for the Lincoln County Campus in Libby, Montana and is responsible to the president of Flathead Community College. He was director of Casper College Career Information Center from 1990-1997; director of the Casper College Student Employment Program from 1990 to the present; supervisor of programs dealing with tutoring, single parents, gender equity and disabilities from 1990-1995; and has worked as a grants manager and grants contractor.

Poppen has partially completed his doctoral studies in Adult Leadership at Montana State University (MSU) at

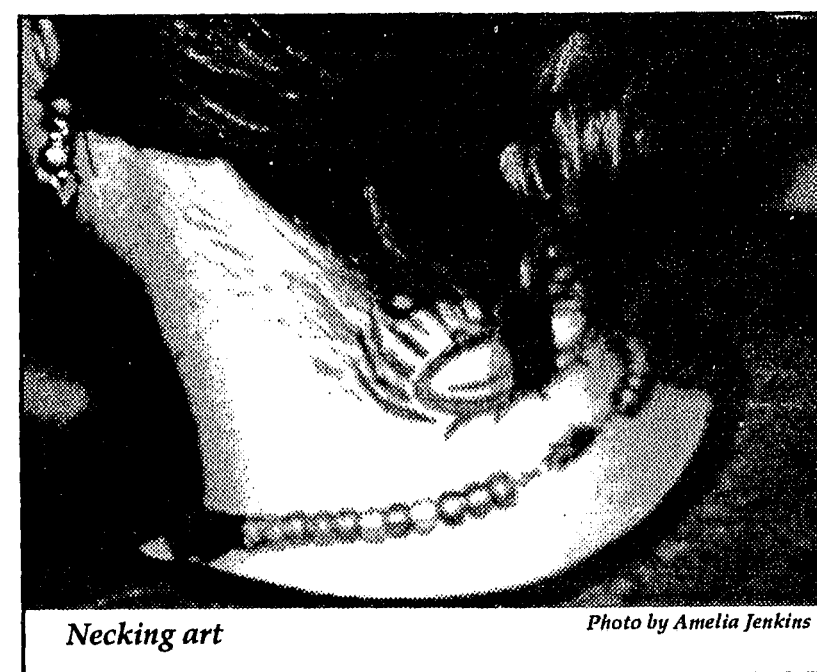
One Line Play Review of URA NIHON: BACK OF BEYOND

By Levi Russell
UAS Student and Part-Time Celebrity

"A classic Chinese Geisha leads a group of pajama-clad soul-seekers on a journey through bizzare poetry and into a corn field."

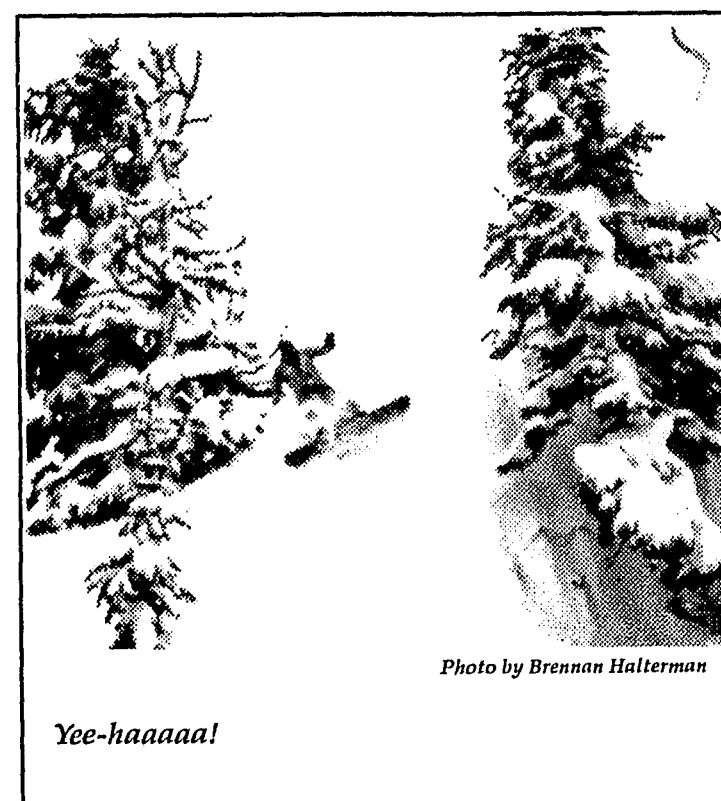


Jah live. Tell the children the truth.



Necking art

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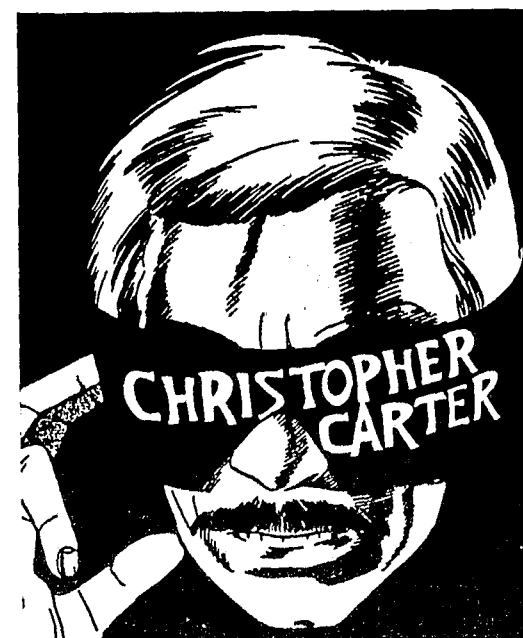
Yee-haaaaa!

Photo by Brennan Hallerman

Bozeman. He has a Masters of Education in Counseling and Human Development from MSU.

Poppen has been active in the community of Libby, serving as president of the Economic Development Council, various non-profit agency boards, an outreach program to the local jail, and as a volunteer for youth programs. His interests also include boating, fishing, skiing, rock climbing, ultra-light flying, biking and hiking.

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Federal grant for child support

By Eric Morrison
Whalesong Reporter

The Southeast Regional Office of The Child Support Enforcement Division has been awarded a federal grant to conduct a collaboration project with state and local Child Care and Head Start programs. The grant is intended to offer a wide variety of child support materials, training, and to stimulate involvement of both parents in the support of their children.

The CSED provides many opportunities to single parents to help ensure proper resources for the development of their children. Through the help of child support enforcement you can locate an absent parent, establish paternity or establish a child support order. You can also establish and enforce a medical support order, review and adjust a child support order and collect and send out child support payments. The CSED is designed to help both Mothers and Fathers, and there is no charge for services.

Project Coordinator of the CSED grant, Melinda Cormany said "I like working in partnership with families to meet the needs of their children." Also stating, "our main emphasis is to get more public information, training and to make our services available. Also to make people aware of our services."

Shirley Dean is the project director for the grant and has a lot of knowledge in the public service field. "I like helping people. I like seeing a family work together and see a child obtain the resources the family can use to help a child," she said. "This grant gives an opportunity to work in partnership with other agencies, and in turn work with parents to understand child support. We like to help anyone who has a question."

The CSED is currently working in collaboration with various partners to help identify problems and developing materials for training, such as a brochure and flyers. They are also planning on producing a training video in the near future.

"Every child has the right to both parents support, financially and all other ways. We work with the financial part," said Dean. "Every child is not guaranteed love. I wish I could enforce love, but I can't. Every child deserves a roof over their head and decent food to eat."

The CSED is located in downtown Juneau at 410 Willoughby Ave. Suite 107. Melinda Cormany can be reached at 465-5197 with any questions that any people might have. "We look forward to parents contacting us for any questions and to help them make decisions on whether they would like to use our services," said Cormany. "Some people like to have more information before applying and we welcome their questions or concerns."

This federal grant is a wonderful opportunity for many parents and the benefits of their children, so take advantage of this opportunity. Child support is a very serious and worthwhile part of childhood. Dean said "Through this grant we're trying to break the misconceptions about child support. Some people think our mission is to take all their money, and that's not the case at all."



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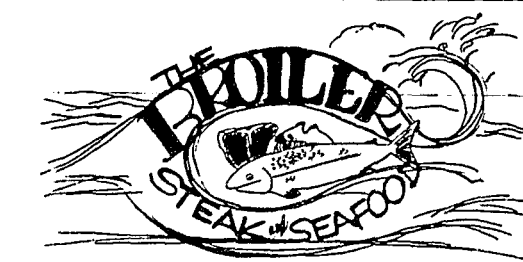
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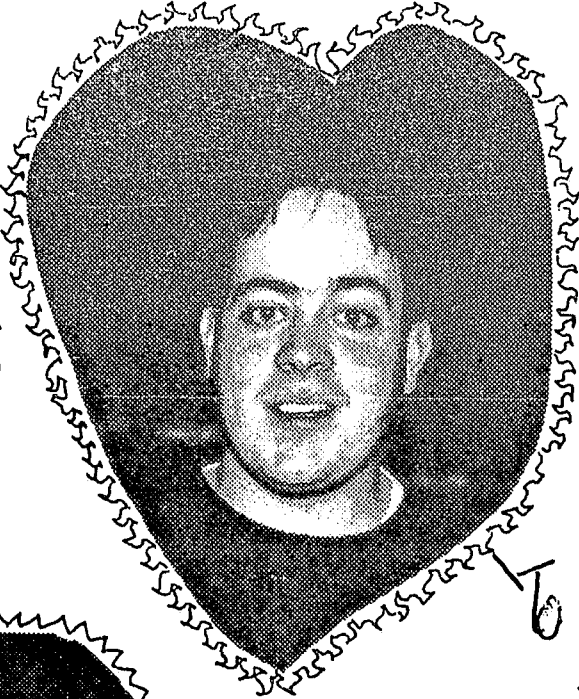
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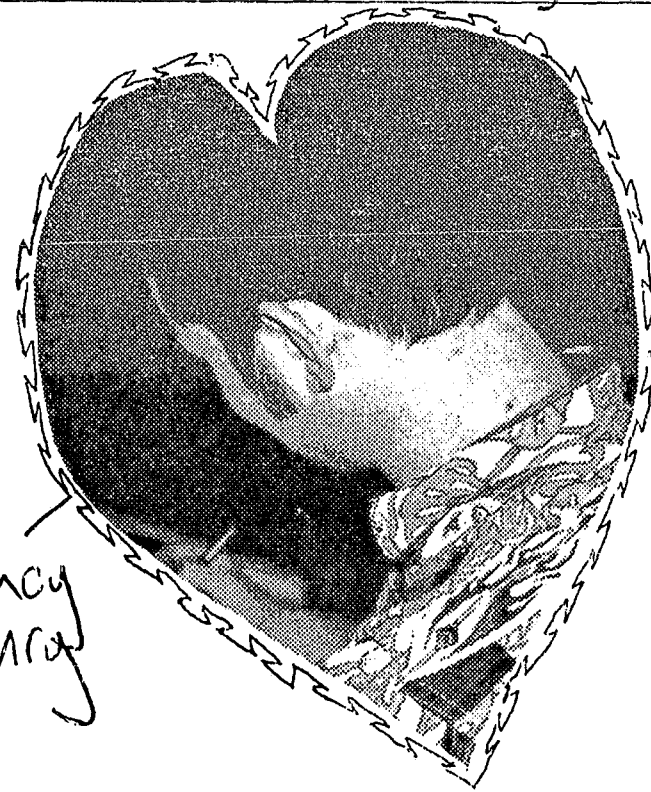
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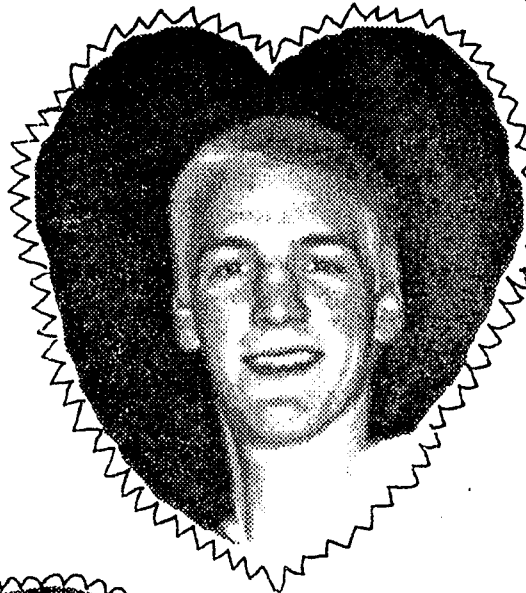
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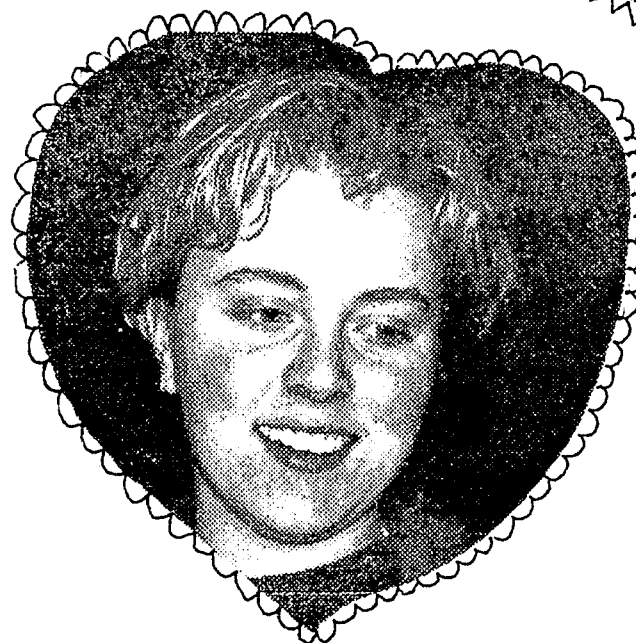
To Henry
-Clancy



To Cincy
-Henry



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-Kevin



Captain
Kangaroo, He's
my hero.
-Kim

Who of the Week.
Who would you
send a
Valentine?



To my office
mates.
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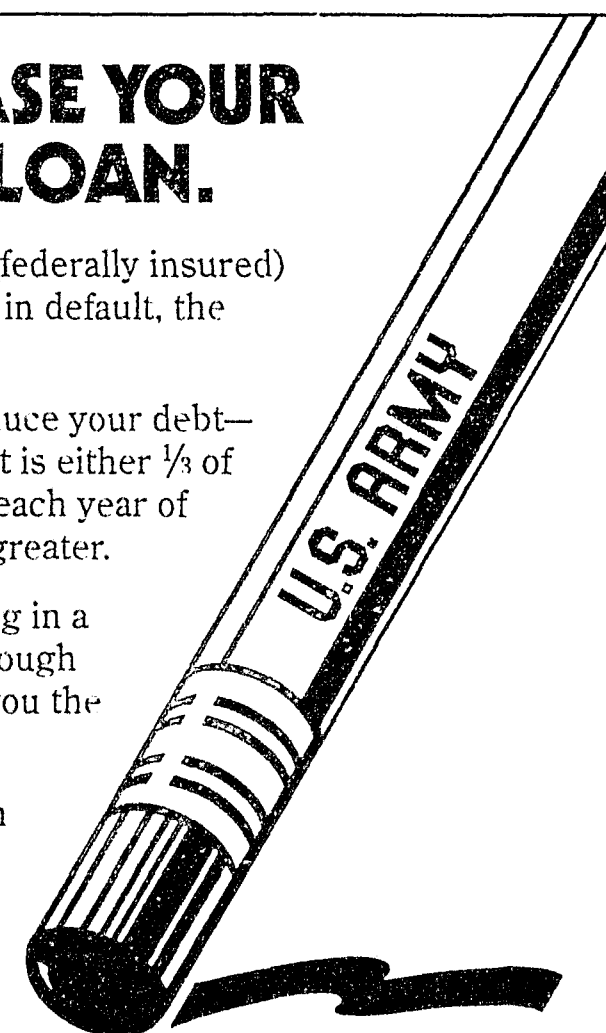
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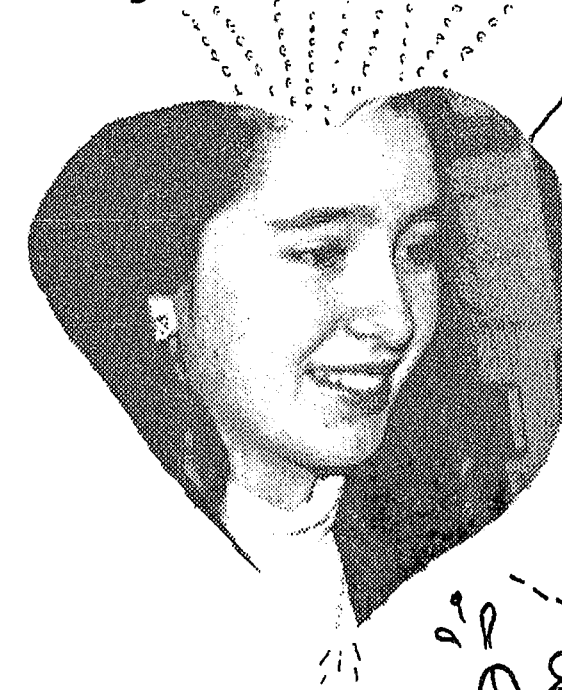
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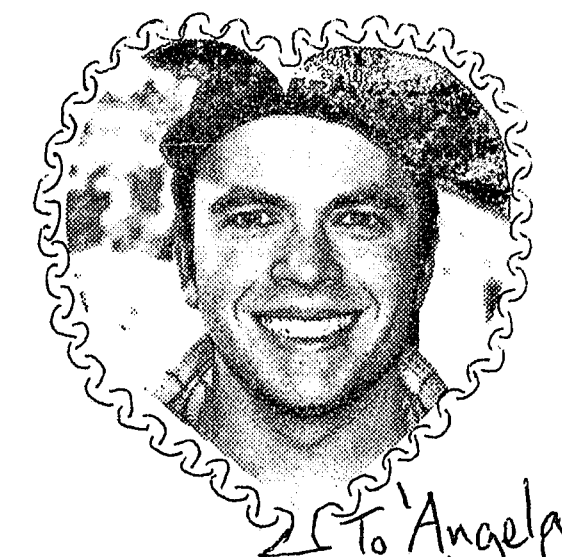
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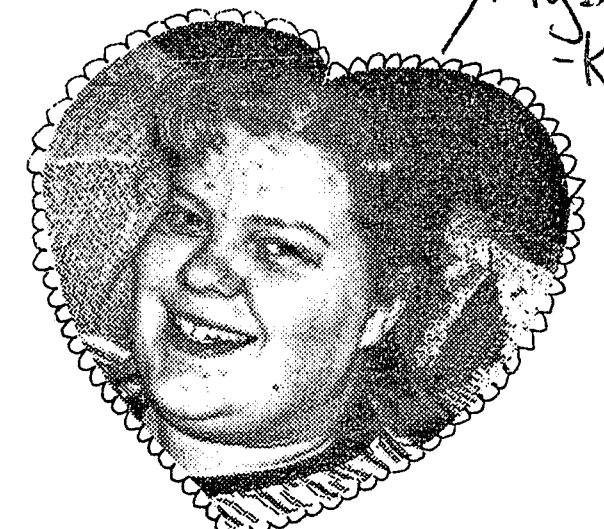
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because I love a
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-Wonder



To Saddam
Hussein,
Cause he needs
some lovin'.
-Heather



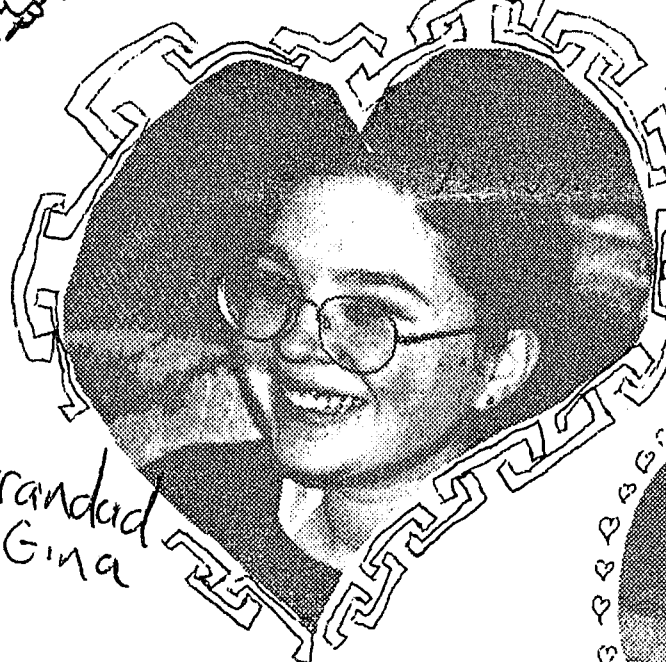
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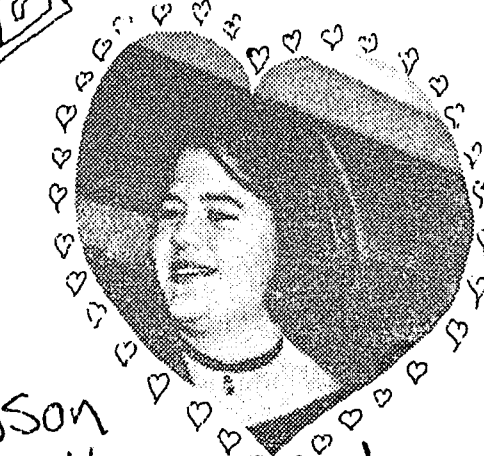
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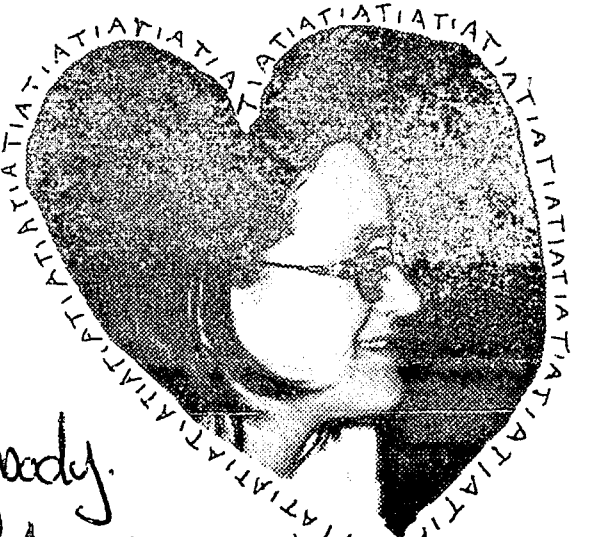
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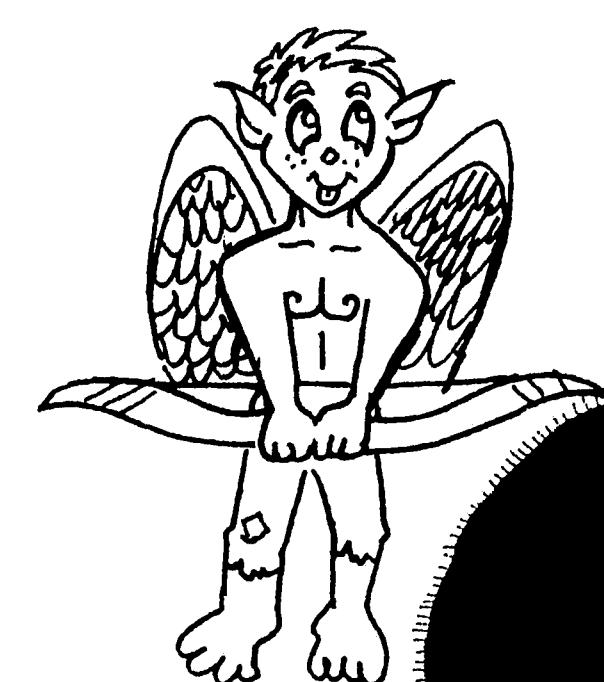
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-Liz



Mel Gibson
-Michelle

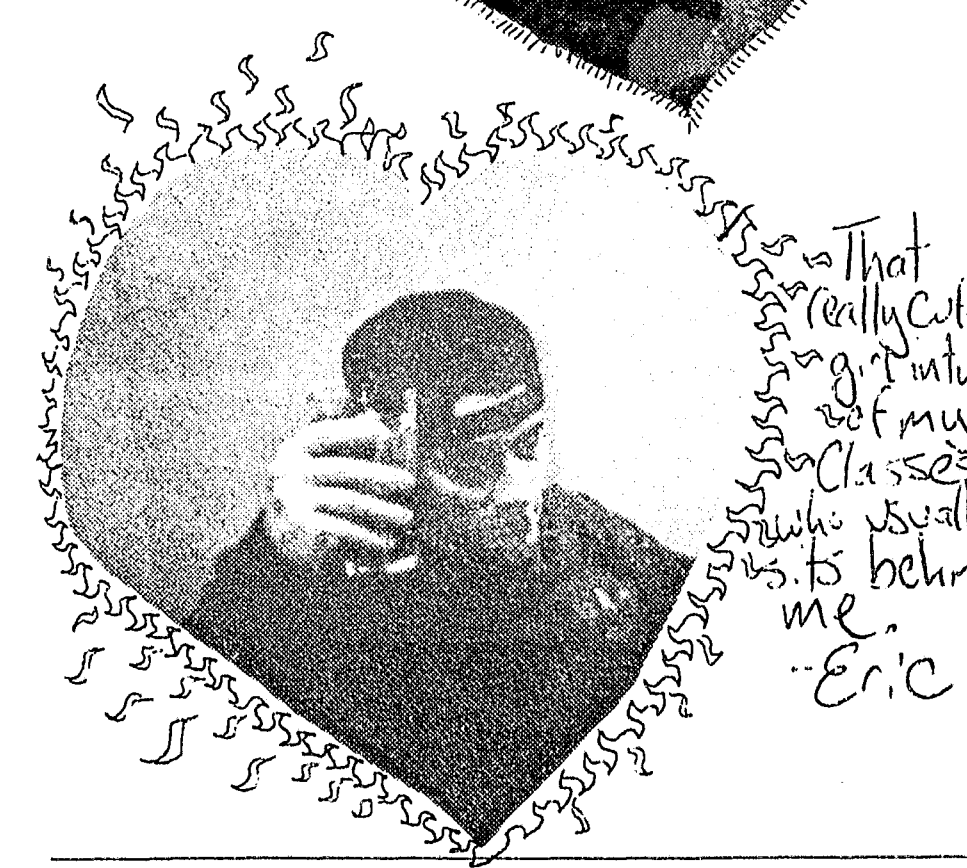


Just anybody.
-Mary Agnes



Betty Page
-Joe

The guy from
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-Tia



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Movie Reviews

By the Midgett
Former Whalesong Whiz and Peruvian trekker

Star Wars: Episode One (The Preview)
(Star Wars: Episodio Uno)

Rob Roy and a familiar muppet take it upon themselves to train Luke Skywalker's young daddy to become the Jedi Knight that he's destined to become despite the obstacles of electric speeder-bikes, strange aliens, other Jedis, and tie-fighters blocking his path.

The Prince of Egypt
(El Príncipe del Egipto)

An animated, biblical figure turns on his adopted, Egyptian family to become the weapon of God against the tyranny of slavery and abuse that was directed against his birth-race.

Rush Hour
(Una Pareja Explosiva)

A martial arts expert travels to the United States in order to team up with a LAPD verbal arts expert so that they may single-handedly retrieve a kidnapped girl and stop an international Chinese artwork heist.

The Truman Show
(El Truman Show)

A documentary of the only man born on the biggest sound-stage in existence is brought to a halt when problems with the extras and product advertisements tip him off to the existence of a manipulative director and a world-wide audience.

Wild Things
(Criaturas Salvajes)

In a small, upscale town in Florida, a plot to obtain a large amount of money is hatched by a group of people with few or, at least, interesting morals — many of whom are unaware of the double- and triple-crosses that will prevent them from buying their dream sailboats.



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Valentine's Day Musings

I always go for the bad boys. You know, opposites attract and everything. But then they lie to me and I have to tie them up with my Rope of Truth. And then sometimes they confess everything and sometimes they're innocent...either way I get hurt. I just don't know why I let myself get close. Maybe this Valentine's Day, being an acceptable day for mating rituals and everything, I'll cruise around in my invisible jet and look for some Superman who is a bad boy on the outside, straight arrow on the inside...and won't mind if I tie him up. Or I'll just call Heather and have her read my Tarot cards...

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IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING by Joe Parnell

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I DON'T CARE I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL

JOSH IS COOL

WHALESONG REPORTER EDITOR

UAS Classifieds

Happy 21st Birthday Renee! That was a rockin' party. Love ya, Ver, G, and MB

To: Fire-crotch
I'm glad we found each other again.
You amaze me every day.
Love and Blessings, The Goblin Queen

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Whalesong* is Feb. 22. Classifieds are free for students.

Hit man/woman needed to free a campus apartment of a roommate who has not cleaned, been off the couch, been to class, or said something interesting in Three Weeks! Meet me in the Lodge at 7pm on the next full moon. The code word is Table Salt.

To Light side of the force Dave-
Will you be my Valentine?
-Dark side Dave

Why fear new ideas at a university?
Let's put a climbing wall in the Lake Room.

To my Forest Sprite:
You will never be just a play thing.
Thank you for teaching me more about love.
-Your Nordic Goddess

Tall Cool Blond desperately seeks meeting with Young Male Poet. Please tell me how to get ahold of you.

Happy Birthday, Wonder! You never looked better, baby! But then, you've always looked great! Luv u lots.

Take a break! I will do childcare in your home on weekends for a reasonable price. I have references. Call Tia Anderson at 789-6883.

Young, sensitive noble with a passion for singing seeks amiable woman with huge tracts of land.

Dear Bruce Gifford: Looking forward to seeing you in the Polar Bear Plunge!